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Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park Juneteenth on Saturday, June 26

EARLIMART: Park officials announced that Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park will host the annual Juneteenth event on June 26th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors are invited to participate in historic activities that will focus around some of the reconstructed buildings in the park.

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery. From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond. Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a time commemorated with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings.

This year, visitors to Allensworth will again see construction activity in the park including the Singleton Store, the Milner barbershop, the Stockett house and the Robinson house.

Allensworth is the only California town to be founded, financed and governed by African-Americans. Colonel Allensworth founded the town in 1908 with four other men who were dedicated to the principle of improving the economic and social status of African-Americans.

The park entry fee is \$3 per vehicle, \$2 seniors, \$18 for buses with 24 or less and \$36 for buses with 25 passengers or more.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park is located in Tulare County, approximately 75 miles south of Fresno and 38 miles north of Bakersfield, off Highway 99.

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